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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
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Subj: NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (NROTC) ORIENTATION
VISITS

Reports Required: I. NROTC Orientation Visits (Report Control
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II. NROTC Orientation Visit After-Action
(Report Control Symbol Exempt), par. 10

1. Purpose. To establish responsibilities and procedures to be followed in the conduct of orientation visits by NROTC midshipmen to major Marine Corps commands.

2. Cancellation. MCO 1533.1E.

3. Summary of Revision. The terminology throughout this order has been updated.

4. Background. Each year midshipmen from NROTC units across the nation participate in orientation visits to major Marine Corps commands. These visits take place between September and May and coincide with vacation or intersemester periods at the various colleges and universities. For most of the visiting midshipmen, the orientation visit represents their only exposure to the operational Marine Corps prior to the time they must choose between a commission in the Navy or Marine Corps. Accordingly, it is essential that every aspect of the visits be motivating and professionally executed.

5. Type Visit. Orientation visits will be limited to not more than 4 days duration at a major Marine Corps base or air station complex on the east or west coast. Host commands should arrange a visit that will be informative and interesting to NROTC midshipmen of the first and second year college level. Since previous military experience

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and knowledge of the participants are limited, briefings on complicated tactical concepts and/or plans are beyond the scope of the visits. Every effort should be made to plan events that allow the midshipmen to participate in a maximum amount of "hands-on" training. In this regard, the opportunity to fire Marine Corps weapons has continually proven to be a highlight during past visits. Lecture-type presentations should be minimized.

6. Transportation

a. Transportation provided by the Marine Corps for these visits should be the best available, consistent with operational commitments. Undecided or uncommitted midshipmen participating in the visit must see the Marine Corps at its best. Since many of the participating midshipmen desire a career in aviation and will qualify for training as naval aviators or naval flight officers, the quality of the air transportation provided affects the officer procurement effort, especially in regard to aviation.

b. Commanders, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern and Western Areas, and the Commanding General, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing are assigned responsibility for providing air transportation for the orientation visits. Initial coordination will be effected with the Commandant of the Marine Corps (ASM).

c. Commands providing air transportation will provide sufficient funds from their operating budgets to support this commitment, including per diem for flight crews as required.

7. Messing and Billeting

a. Host commands will provide messing and billeting for visiting midshipmen. Bachelor officer quarters facilities will be used unless unavailable. Midshipmen should also be provided the opportunity to visit/subsist in the officer's club.

b. All expenses incurred for quarters and subsistence must be borne by the participating midshipmen.

8. Procedure for Orientation Visits. During the first quarter of each year, upon receipt of the initial reports required by this order, a letter to all NROTC units will be published setting forth the periods of availability and major commands available to host the

visits. Units will then submit their requests to the Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command (CG MCRC) (ON) specifying the primary and alternate periods of their desired visit. Upon receipt of all requests, host units and Commanders, Marine Forces Atlantic and Pacific will be provided with a consolidated schedule for all orientation visits. The Commandant of the Marine Corps (ASM) will coordinate air transportation with the Commanders, Marine Corps Air Bases Eastern/Western Areas and the Commanding General, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing. After the visits have been confirmed by the host command and the air transportation confirmed by the transporting command, the individual units will be notified by CG MCRC (ON). Upon receipt of this approval, units are authorized direct liaison with the host command and the transporting command for detailed planning.

9. Priority. Orientation visits are primarily designed to assist in attracting midshipmen toward a Marine Corps career. The primary emphasis is on the non-Marine option student, either sophomore or freshman class. Other midshipmen, faculty or staff members, except supervisory personnel, may attend on a space-available basis.

10. Supervisory Personnel. Each NROTC unit will provide sufficient staff personnel to properly supervise that unit's midshipmen during a visit.

11. Action

a. The following commands will report to CG MCRC (ON) by 1 August each year the specific periods during the months of September through May when they can host the subject orientation visits. Include in the report the name and telephone number of the point of contact. Report Symbol MC-1533-01 has been assigned to this report.

(1) Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

(2) Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California.

(3) Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Santa Ana, California.

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(4) Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina.

(5) Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Virginia.

(6) Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California/Western Recruiting Region.

(7) Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina/Eastern Recruiting Region.

(8) Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, South Carolina.

b. The Marine Officer Instructor of each visiting NROTC unit will submit a written after-action report to CG MCRC (ON) within 15 days after completion of that unit's visit. The report will cover the conduct of the visit and contain comments and recommendations for improvement, where applicable. A copy of the after-action report will be provided to the hosting command(s).

c. Host commands may submit a written after-action report to CG MCRC (ON) within 15 days after completion of the unit(s) visit.

d. Host commands will provide photographic coverage of each visit and forward at least one color photograph to the NROTC unit within 15 days after completion of the visit.

12. Reserve Applicability. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.



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